

Action Item

Governmental Relations Committee

Approval of the Minutes of the July 22, 2002, Meeting

MINUTES

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Meeting of July 22, 2002

Committee members present Howard Welinsky, *Chair*
Lance Izumi
Evonne Seron Schulze
Rachel E. Shetka
Olivia K. Singh
Alan S. Arkatov, *ex officio*
Carol Chandler, *ex officio*

Other Commissioners present
Susan Hammer
Odessa Johnson

Committee members absent Guillermo Rodriguez, Jr.
Anthony M. Vitti

Call to order Committee Chair Welinsky called the July 22, 2002, meeting of the Governmental Relations Committee to order at 9:05 a.m. He called for approval of the minutes of the Governmental Relations Committee Meeting of June 4, 2002. There was unanimous approval of the minutes.

Legislative and budget update, July 2002 Chair Welinsky called on commission staff member Marge Chisholm to present the July Legislative Update. Ms. Chisholm announced that there had been no progress made on resolving the conflicts in the State budget negotiations. The impasse has existed since June 29, at which time the Senate passed the budget bill. Since then, the bill has been held in the Assembly pending leadership discussions.

Ms. Chisholm also reviewed the legislative matrix and recommended that the Commission revise its positions on AB 1747 (Briggs) and AB 2533 (Jackson) from support to support-if-amended positions. In addition, Ms. Chisholm recommended removal of SB 434 (Monteith) from the matrix because the bill had changed subject area and no longer pertained to higher education.

Update on the teacher and principal quality training and recruitment fund Staff member Linda White presented an update on the federal *Teacher and Principal Quality Training and Recruitment Fund* of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*. She gave a summary of the initiative and described how the Commission has been involved in prior years. She also outlined three concerns of Commission staff with regard to specific language in the new program requirements. The first was language that might affect the ability of community colleges to grant awards, the second issue was language

restricting services to highly qualified teachers, and the third concern was the intent to prohibit any one partner from receiving more than 50% of the project funds. Commission staff has requested clarification from the federal government with respect to these three issues.

Commissioner Hammer inquired about how the State would develop annual measurable objectives to assist in ensuring that all teachers are highly qualified by the end of the 2005-06 school year. Ms. White responded that this was an issue that also needed to be clarified. She also reaffirmed that the Commission would receive \$425 thousand to administer the program.

Ms. White summarized the presentation by reporting that Commission staff will provide an update on the progress of the federal program and the Commission's implementation of it.

Adjournment Having no further business before the Committee, Chair Welinsky adjourned the Governmental Relations Committee at 9:22 a.m.
